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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Dear SWTHA Members:

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) presented the Triannual Meeting and Training at Casino Del Sol Resort in Tucson, AZ, on October 2-4, 2018. Thank you to those that attended, and especially to those that sponsored the event, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, RTHawk Housing Alliance LLC, and Travois, Inc. Below are some of the highlights of the event:

Reports:

- AMERIND Report - presented by Floyd Tortalita, AMERIND Representative
- NAIHC Report - presented by Michael Chavez, NAIHC Alternate Representative
- HUD Report - presented by David Southerland, Administrator, SW Office of Native American Programs
- SWTHA Financial Report – presented by Michael Chavez, SWTHA Interim President

Old business:

- The resolution of SWIHA funds was completed.
- SWTHA Position Paper: If there are any suggestions, or if you would like to share your Statement on Indian Housing, please submit to swtha.region8@gmail.com.
- NM State Standard of Organization: SWTHA in good standing.
- SWTHA Associate Membership: SWTHA is accepting applications for Associate Members. Please recommend any organization that provides products, services, or support to your tribal housing programs. Current Associate Members may be viewed on swtha.org.
- Salary Survey – More participation is requested to assist with the survey. If you have not completed the survey, please assist by completing the survey at swtha.org.

New business:

- SWTHA Elections of President and NAIHC Representative: This item is tabled as quorum was not established.
- SWTHA Resolution: Presented by Allen Zuni, Executive Director, Isleta Pueblo Housing Authority. Exemption from Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. This item is tabled as quorum was not established.

- Travois presentation by Alexandria Murnan, Senior Project Coordinator: LIHTC finance construction and rehab LIHTC units can be single family homes, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, apartment buildings, community facilities. This is a rental program but after the 15 years they can be converted to homeownership.
- RTHawk Housing Alliance presentation by Lorna Fogg, Senior Project Manager: They are Native American owned, experienced in housing tax credits.
- First Tribal Lending presentation by Juel Burnette, Branch Manager: They are the largest 184 loan provider in the country. New 184 program regulations should be out soon. Lower doc payment and PMI. Their organization travels and can attend your Homebuyer's Fair.

Schedule of Meetings 2019:

- Please plan on attending the Business Meetings so that we can meet the quorum for voting, resolutions, and rulings.
- January 29-31, 2019 – This will be the SWTHA Training event for the year, to be held at Isleta Resort in Albuquerque, NM. Training will be on Indian Housing Management.
- May 7-9, 2019 – SWTHA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the AMERIND Risk/NAIHC Convention & Tradeshow in Denver, CO.
- October 2019 - SWTHA Business Meeting held conjunction with the AMERIND Risk Symposium at the Santa Ana Star, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

Strategic Planning Session for 2019-2020:

- Members voted to keep the Vision Statement, “Region VIII Tribal Housing Advocate”, and the Mission Statement, “To be the Southwest Tribal voice of housing by providing relevant, timely information, resources and a valuable network for the SWTHA membership”.
- Key Priority Area Training - Strategic Goal: Provide relevant, engaging, and timely training at SWTHA Annual Meetings January 2019 and January 2020
- Key Priority Area Communication/Outreach and Member Participation - Strategic Goal: To increase participation at SWTHA Business Meetings and Annual Training.
- Key Priority Area SWTHA Organization - Strategic Goal: To strengthen the SWTHA organization foundation and structure for growth, accountability, and sustainability for 2019 and 2020.

Please visit swtha.org to stay current on upcoming events and news. If your Tribal Housing Department has job openings, events, or news to share, please submit information to swtha.region8@gmail.com and we will post on SWTHA website and newsletter.

If your tribe/organization is already a SWTHA member, thank you. If you are not, please consider joining. For more information on membership visit swtha.org. Again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support and participation.